was the second taluk in the State in point of area and as such requested that either a new hospital might be opened there or the one existing at Punalur or Kottarakara transferred to that place.

Reply.—As I have already said, it is not possible to allow a hospital for each taluk. Medical institutions are established in populous centres and unhealthy quarters. So far as Chengannur is concerned, the hospitals at Mavelikara, Tiruvalla and Kozhencheri in the neighbourhood might be made use of by the people of that taluk.

314. Construction and improvement of certain roads and canals.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Pillai suggested that—

(1) the silted portions of the Moozhikal canal might be deepened;

(2) the road from Mavelikara to Aranmula *via* Chengannur might be converted into a cartable road;

(3) the road from Mannar from the 75th mile of the main central road might be rendered cartable;

(4) a road to Aruvikkara from the 71st mile of the main central road might be opened;

(5) a road might be constructed from Pantalam to Aranmula; and

(6) the road from Pantalam to Pathanamthitta *via* Omallur, might be improved.

Reply.—The improvement of the road from Mavelikara to Aranmula will be considered. The cost of improving the road from Mannar is prohibitive. The other works do not seem to be necessary.

315. Repair of the bridges on the Main Central road between the 75th and 79th miles.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Pillai said that the three bridges across the Manimala, Varattar and Pamba had to be repaired at an early date and that when the subject was moved last year Government promised favourable consideration.

Reply.—The matter is under correspondence.

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